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Annotations/programme of work

28 April 2008

Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Information.

Election of officers

At the beginning of its twenty-ninth session, the Committee elected a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur to serve for the next two years. The position of the Chairperson and that of one of the Vice-Chairpersons fell vacant at the end of 2007 following the departure of Rudolf Christen (Chairperson — Switzerland) and Estevao Umba Alberto (Vice-Chairperson — Angola) from their

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posts in New York. At the beginning of its thirtieth session, the Committee will elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson to replace them for the remainder of the term.

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau of the Committee on Information.

Statement by the Chairperson

The Chairperson will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

Admission of new members

The Committee will consider requests for membership in the Committee on Information.

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department and report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolutions 62/111 A and B of 17 December 2007.

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General debate

Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information — Part I (A/AC.198/2008/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information — Part II (A/AC.198/2008/3)

1-7 May 2008[1]

Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

The Secretariat will require a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

9 May 2008

Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session

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[1] 3 May 2008: commemoration of World Press Freedom Day. The General Assembly, by its decision 48/432 of 20 December 1993, declared 3 May World Press Freedom Day. The Department of Public Information will hold a panel discussion on 1 May to commemorate this event. This is not considered to be an official meeting of the Committee on Information.